Indian Peace Medals, 1923-1925

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January 6th, 1921.

Mr. George W. Ellsworth,
Route 3,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:-

Many thanks for your letter of December 28th.

I find on looking over the papers that I have regarding the Pitc-le-charu Medal that your letter states that the medal was found in 1884 or 1885, while the printed account published by the Historical Society states that it was found in 1883. Is it possible to fix the year positively ?

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Medals.

January 6th, 1921.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,
432 West Price Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gillingham:-

I am returning the draft of your report for our Committee on Decorations, &c., which seems to me to be very good. I do not know that I have any particular suggestions to make. I have made two or three pencilled notes on the report which seem to me to improve it a little but which are of not much consequence anyway.

I understand that the Historical Society in Philadelphia has the original portrait of the Indian, Pita-le-sharu, and I think I will have to run over some day before very long to take a look at it. Whether that will be before the Annual Meeting or not, I do not know. I presume you will be willing to introduce me there when the time comes.

As I happen to be up to the Society for a little while today, I have taken advantage of Miss Reilly's good nature to write this for me.

With kindest regards to you and yours, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

December 17th, 1921.

Mrs. C. W. Ellsworth,
645 North 30th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:-

Some months ago I wrote you asking for certain information regarding the Indian medal supposed to be the one given to Pita le sharu in 1821, and which belongs to you and is loaned to the Nebraska Historical Society.

In reply to my letter I received a most interesting letter from Mr. Ellsworth giving me very full information as to where, when and by whom the medal was found, and some other facts connected with it. This information I intended using in a monograph that I propose publishing regarding this medal, but which so far has been held up on account of my inability to obtain certain information regarding its presentation which took place in Washington in 1821. I am hoping however, to get this information in the near future, and as soon as I have it it will be a matter of but a short time before the monograph is written.

I find, on looking over what papers I have in connection with this, that I have in some way mislaid Mr. Ellsworth's letter, and I am therefore writing to ask if that information can be sent me again as it is most important for me to have.

I understand that the medal is at present loaned to the Nebraska Historical Society. The American Numismatic Society, as I believe I wrote you before, is making great efforts to obtain specimens of all the different medals that have been presented to the Indians in this country, and

this collection is of great interest and importance, and interesting specimens are of more value to students of numismatics and of history where they form a part of a comprehensive collection than where they are isolated even though in an institution where they are accessible to the public.

Considering this to be a fact, I would like to ask if it would be possible for The American Numismatic Society to acquire this medal by purchase for its own collection which is, as I said, most important and which is open to the inspection of any who are interested in such medals, and if you would consider anything of this kind, might I ask if you would inform me as to what you would consider its value.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from either you or Mr. Ellsworth at your convenience, I am, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Medals.

Mrs. H. W. Ellsworth
645 North 30th Street
Lincoln
Nebraska

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February 21st, 1922.

Mrs. C. V. Ellsworth,
Route 3,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Ellsworth:-

I have your letter of February 14th in which you state that you would not consider an offer of one hundred and seventy dollars for the Pita le shuru medal as you think it worth more than that amount.

That being the case, will you kindly let me know for what price you would be willing to part with the medal.

I will then take the matter up with our people here and advise you promptly what we can do.

With kind regards and hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Medals.

March 1st, 1913.

Mrs. George W. Ellsworth,
Route 3,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Ellsworth:-

Your letter of February 25th came duly to hand and contents carefully noted.

I know that the Pike Sharp medal is valuable, but just how valuable is hard to tell as it comes in a rather different category from most things of this kind. I might say that it becomes largely a question between the seller and the buyer - how badly the one to sell and how anxious the other is to buy.

We must take into consideration that this medal was not issued by any government or even by any well known institution but according to the only account we have had so far, though I have made many inquiries, I have been unable to verify that account, it was given by the young ladies who attended Miss White's School in Washington, and I have failed to find either at the Congressional Library or in any other direction where I have enquired any record of such a school.

That does not mean I have doubts as to there being such a school or have ceased my efforts to find out something about it, but while all this makes a most interest subject for investigation it makes it of less interest and value to the collector of medals, and if placed in an auction sale with other Indian medals it would not bring as high a price as a number of others that are better known.

Mrs. C. T. Ellsworth.

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In connection with this, may I suggest I could say the actual price of medals or coins to non-Boy Scouts by the Boston concern. It appears, to all from that friend of mine, [illegible] sell for many less than they are worth, and also occasionally sell for much more than they are worth, but this is probably the only medal we have.

A [illegible] interesting collection of British medals was sold at auction in Philadelphia a little over a year ago, and the prices in that sale were unreasonably high - higher than by any previous sale. That was probably the most interesting question in the collecting world for [illegible]. It was the only recent question and its complete history was with it. It was sold by a New York silversmith in 1782 under the authority of the British Government.

The earliest British medal issued by the Government in the first year of Washington's administration, engraved by Reed, was the only [illegible] having been issued for this Society's collection for Mrs. C's meeting was.

The highest auction record that I know of for any American medal was [illegible], and in my opinion that was three or four hundred dollars more than the medal was worth. Other [illegible] have brought higher prices than [illegible] but that, of course, does not correspond in this particular case.

Taking all this into consideration, could you not modify your estimate of the value of this medal ?

I would gladly recommend the purchase of [illegible] that in my judgment more nearly represents its actual value.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you, and with kind remembrance to you and Mr. Ellsworth, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Medals.

March 28th, 1902.

Hon. George P. Ellsworth,
[illegible],
Ellsworth, Nebraska.

Dear Hon. Ellsworth:-

Your letter of March 6th in which you state the price of the [illegible] seeds to be [illegible], came to hand a few days ago.

As you are making inquiries every where you may include me in the value of this [illegible]. It might be as well to let the matter rest until you get the information on the subject. When we can discuss it more intelligently, and I hope soon to make arrangements that will be satisfactory to both.

In the meantime, should you obtain any information regarding the history of the seed, or the location of "Blue Valley Ranch", I would appreciate being informed of it.

With kind regards to you and Mr. Ellsworth, and hoping to hear the discovery of [illegible] corn seeds in the near future, I am,

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mrs. George W. Ellsworth,
Route 3
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mrs. Ellsworth:-

Your letter of March 8th, in which you state the price of the Sitka-le-sharu medal as $950., came to hand a few days ago.

As you are making inquiries among people who buy medals as to the value of this one, it might be as well to let the matter rest until you get the information on the subject. Then we can discuss it more intelligently and, I hope, come to some agreement that will be satisfactory to both.

In the mean time, should you obtain any information regarding the history of the medal, or the location of "Miss White's School," I would appreciate being informed of it.

With kind regards to you and Mr. Ellsworth, and hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you again in the near future, I am

Very truly yours

Chairman, Committee on Indian Medals

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Number of Hatches

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Where Placed

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Water Ballast

When and where to be seen

Delivery

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The above particulars, while presumed to be correct, are not guaranteed.

HOTEL WINDSOR
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

[illegible], 1[illegible].

My dear Mr. Saltus:-

As I am up at the Society, Miss Reilly is very kindly writing this for me, so if you find any words spelled wrong you can blame her.

I have just received a catalogue of a most interesting collection of medals to be sold by Glendining & Co. of London, on the 11th and 12th of April, and there are in it a number of most interesting Indian medals of George III and Victoria, and I want to send bids on about 8 of them, amounting in all to £30. Can you help me out? Please let me know me soon as possible as there is not so much time before the sale. One of the enclosures is here addressed to you, and Miss Reilly has promised to forward it to you. The numbers on which I want to bid are 198, 284, 288, 296.

I received your letter last night also the box of candy for which we are very much obliged. I telegraphed to you last night as requested. The candy is fine, and we are enjoying it very much.

Corinne starts for California on Monday. We miss her very much of course, but are glad she had the opportunity to go.

I wrote to you yesterday morning supposing you were still in Tampa. I presume however the letter will be forwarded to you.

You remember you asked me to enquire about the "Fairlawn" advertised for sale. I did so, and just received a reply which I enclose herewith. The description is the Danish Count of Danneskrog, and you know as well as I do what proportion of three thousand dollars that is worth.

With kindest regards and hoping you will be back in New York very soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours.

October 18th, 1912.

Mr. Joseph B. Thoburn, Secretary.
Oklahoma Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

Many thanks for your letter of October 5th and the rubbings of the Indian medal which we are very glad to have.

Do you know anything about the history of this medal, to whom it originally belonged, how one of this early date managed to find its way so far west, or any other historical matter connected with it?

I have not as yet had an opportunity to compare this with the specimens and photographs that we have in our own collection, but anticipate doing so the first opportunity.

Thanking you again for your kindness in this matter, I am, believe me

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Medals.

October 21st, 1928.

Mr. Joseph B. Thoburn, Secretary,
Oklahoma Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr:-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of October 21st and the interesting information that it contained.

The medal that you have varies in size from any in this Society's collection, and we would be very glad to have a photograph of it. When you are having any photographing done, could you not have this photographed for us at our expense, we will send you the amount as soon as we know what it is. We would like a print of each side of the medal, and of the exact size.

These medals, all having been engraved by hand, are none of them exactly alike. I have seen them dated 1789, 1792, 1793 and 1795. This Society has the only known specimen of 1789, of the other dates quite a number are known to exist in various collections, probably thirty or forty, possibly more. Apparently a very considerable number were given away during Washington's administration. It was important to keep on good terms with the Indians in those days.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Medals.

Mr. Joseph [illegible], Secretary,
Oklahoma Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of [illegible] and the [illegible] information [illegible] is contained.

We notice that you have some in your [illegible] from any in this locality, [illegible] and we would be very glad to have a photograph of it. When you are having any photographs done would you not have the photographer [illegible] at our expense, we will send you the money as soon as we know what it is? We would like a print of each side of the medal, and [illegible] of the [illegible].

These medals all having been engraved by hand, [illegible] are none of them exactly alike. We do not know exactly how many specimens are known. I have seen them dated 1789, 1792, 1793 and 1795. The dating has the [illegible] figures [illegible] of the other date quite a number have an obverse [illegible], perhaps thirty or forty pounds more, apparently a very considerable number were given away during the [illegible] administration. It was impossible to keep on hand those made for Indians in those days.

Very sincerely yours

Executive Committee on Indian Medals

December 15th, 1922.

George Bird Grinnell, Esq.,
238 East 15th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Grinnell:-

I have just received a notice from President Morell to the effect that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on January 15th, at which time our Committee on Indian Peace Medals is expected to present a report.

If you can suggest anything that would be well to put in this report, I would be most grateful for it.

I have the promise of a photograph of the Washington Indian Medal in the Oklahoma Historical Society of which you kindly informed me sometime ago.

With kindest [illegible],

Very sincerely yours,

(1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.)

December 15th, 1922.

Stephen H. P. Pell, Esq.,
16 East 43rd Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Pell:-

I have just received a notice from President Newell to the effect that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on January 13th, at which time our Committee on Indian Peace Medals is expected to present a report.

If you can suggest anything that would be well to put in this report, I would be most grateful for it.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.)

December 15th, 1922.

William H. Woodin, Esq.,
165 Broadway,
New York.

My dear Mr. Woodin:-

I have just received a notice from President Newell to the effect that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on January 13th, at which time a report from the Committee on Indian Peace Medals will be expected.

If you can suggest anything that would be well to put in that report, I would be glad to have it.

Have you thought anything further regarding the collection of Indian Peace Medals that I described to you sometime ago?

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.)

December 15th, 1922.

Mr. Joseph Thoburn, Secretary,
Oklahoma Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Thoburn:-

Many thanks for your letter of November 29th which would have been acknowledged sooner, but I have been away from the Society's building for some time.

I am very glad to hear that there is a prospect of getting photographs of the Indian medal. We would be glad to have about two prints of each side of the medal taken the exact size if possible. The expense, of course, we will be very glad to bear and we will forward you the amount when we know what it is.

Thanking you again, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

February 27th, 1923.

Miss Alice Lake,
Cranford,
New Jersey.

My dear Miss Lake:-

May I refer to our recent conversation regarding the medals of the National Institute of Social Sciences, which you thought the Institute might be willing to present to The American Numismatic Society. This Society would be very glad indeed to be able to add these medals to its collection, and would greatly appreciate receiving them.

This Society's collection of coins, medals and similar objects is the largest public numismatic collection in this country, and its Museum, which is open to the Public, is one of the places of interest in New York, being the only building in the world that is used exclusively as a numismatic museum.

The collection of American medals is most important, and is of very great historical interest.

I am anticipating the pleasure of taking you up to the Museum the first moonlight afternoon, and I am sure you will find there much of interest.

With kindest regards, believe,

Very sincerely yours,

(Member of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.)

March 19th, 1923.

Mr. Harrold E. Gillingham,
482 N. Price Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gillingham:-

You got your swing canoe all right, or rather you will have them as soon as this exhibition is over so that they can be put up. And I want to remind you of the fact that nothing much had been done about those swing canoe until I got busy and dopot out a letter which, with some few changes, was sent out and brought in the funds.

Now, I have something for my Committee on Indian Peace Medals. I want to buy a collection of those medals that cost-top thousand dollars. To what extent do you feel inclined to reciprocate?

It might be embarrassing to me if you made it more than a thousand dollars, but anything up to that amount will come in handy!

"Gratitude is said to be a lively sense of benefits to be received", and I will therefore sign myself

Gratefully yours,

(1 Hamilton Avenue, Crawford, N.J.)

March 19th, 1923.

Mr. William H. Woodin,
185 Broadway,
New York.

My dear Mr. Woodin:-

Many thanks for your letter of March 17th, which came to hand a few days ago.

The collection in question is now at the Society where it will remain until the first of April.

I have been over the whole matter carefully with Mr. Newell, and he agrees with me that their acquisition is most important, and that even though the price is high it is an opportunity that should not be neglected.

I did not write to you with the idea of asking you to buy the collection, but simply in hopes that you would contribute such amount as you might think best toward it.

Should you feel inclined to do this, Newell says that he will contribute the same amount.

This would make a fine start, and I feel quite sure that the remainder would come along without much difficulty.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(1 Hamilton Avenue,)
(Cranford, N. J.)

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Hon. Joseph B. Thoburn, Secretary,

Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Washington Indian peace medal letter for us.

As I wrote you in December 15th, we will furnish you

E are informed as to what the cost will be, we would like to have two prints of each side of the medal, taken the exact size if possible.

If you can manage this for us we will be very greatly obliged as we have the use of these medals [illegible] for our records.

I have had [illegible] of another one in our collection [illegible] I expect to very soon.

With kind regards believe me

Very sincerely yours

Chairman, committee on Indian Medals.

ROOMS OF THE

American Numismatic and Archæological Society,

ROOM 25,

N. Y. UNIVERSITY BUILDING.

SEASON 1886—87.

Dear Sir:

The sixth regular Numismatic and Archæological Meeting will take place ***THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 1887,*** *at 8 P. M., at the Society's Room.*

PROGRAMME.

1. A paper will be read by LYMAN H. LOW, Esq., on

"TOKENS OR SUBSTITUTES FOR METALLIC CURRENCY."

2. An exhibition of American Tokens and Store Cards will be had. Members are particularly requested to contribute to these exhibitions.

3. As usual, members are invited to bring coins and medals as to which information is desired.

The Room Committee again requests members who will contribute to the instruction of the Society by reading papers, or otherwise, to communicate with them. Any suggestions as to the Numismatic Meetings will be appreciated.

Address,

THE ROOM COMMITTEE,

At the Society's Room.

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. Joseph P. Thoburn, Secretary,
Oklahoma Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Thoburn:

On November 29th last, you wrote me to the effect that you were planning to have some photographing done in the near future, and would have some photographs of the Washington Indian peace medal taken for us.

As I wrote you, on December 15th, we will forward to you whatever these photographs cost us upon as we are informed as to what the cost will be. We would like to have two prints of each side of the medal, taken the exact size if possible.

If you can manage this for us we will be very greatly obliged as we are checking up all of these medals that we can locate.

I have just heard of another one in an unexpected place, but have not seen it yet though I expect to very soon.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. Rodman Wanamaker,
Broadway & 10th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Having been informed that you are much interested in matters relating to the American Indians, it occurred to me that possibly you might have some valuable information regarding Indian Peace Medals.

By Indian Peace Medals I mean medals presented to Indians from colonial times to the present by this and other governments as well as some few that while not official are most interesting.

This is a branch of numismatics to which The American Numismatic Society is devoting much attention. It has a large collection of the medals and much information regarding specimens in the hands of other museums and of individual collectors.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Proceedings of the sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Society which contains the report of the Committee on Indian Peace Medals - pages 50 to 54 - and which will give you some idea as to what we are trying to do.

Should you be able to help us in any way, or put us in communication with any one who could do so, it would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3, 1923

Mr. Walter C. Wyman,
44 West 44th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wyman:

I have been out of the city for several days and have not been able to get up to the Society since Wednesday last.

Your letter of March 29th has been forwarded to my office and I have just received it.

I do not know just how things have been coming in, and can not therefore say anything definite today.

With your letter came a note to the effect that Wood is away and will not be back until Friday, Mr. Newell is also out of town and is expected back on Friday. Can you not extend the time two days? I will make it a point to go to the Society on Friday when they will both be there, and we will then decide just what we can do, and will let you know.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
233 South 15th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Can you favor us with any information regarding the whereabouts of any of the oval engraved Indian Peace Medals, that were given out during Washington's administration, whether in museums or private collections?

We know about the medals in the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

We are trying to locate as many of these medals as possible with the idea of finding out, as nearly as possible, how many specimens are in existance, as well as if there are any varieties of which we do not know.

We are also glad of any information regarding any Indian medals.

If you can give us any assistance in this matter, it will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. S. Maison Chapman,
1128 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

We are anxious to locate as many as possible of the oval engraved Indian Peace Medals, issued during Washington's administration, whether in museums or private collections, with the idea of approximating as nearly as possible the number of existing specimens, and of ascertaining if there are any varieties with which we are not now acquainted.

If you can give us any information on this subject it will be greatly appreciated.

We have photographs of the medals in the Historical Society in Philadelphia.

Would you have any objection to letting us know who has the two medals that were in the Hunter sale?

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Hon. James F. Ellsworth,
12 East 69th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

We have been informed that your collection contained one of the large oval engraved Indian Peace Medals issued while Washington was President, and that this medal is now in the hands of Mr. Wayte Raymond.

As we are striving to check up all of these medals, I am writing to ask if you can give me any information regarding the origin and history of this one.

There are several of these medals in the Society's collection, and we have photographs and other information regarding a number of others, so if you can tell us anything about this one it will be considerable of a help. I have not seen the medal but hope to do so. I presume Mr. Raymond will put it in a sale, but as we are now trying hard to raise the money to purchase a collection of Indian Peace Medals that was recently offerred to us, I fear we will not be able to bid on it for the Society's collection, much as we would like to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. [illegible] Johnson,
[illegible] North 11th Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

[illegible] you favor us with any information regarding the whereabouts of any of the oval engraved Indian Peace Medals, that were given out during Washington's administration, whether in museums or private collections?

We are trying to locate as many of these medals as we can with the idea of finding out, as nearly as possible, how many specimens are in existence, as well as if there are any varieties of which we do not know.

We are also glad of any information regarding any Indian medals.

If you can give us any assistance in this matter it will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Mr. F. Max Mehl,
Mehl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Can you favor us with any information regarding the [illegible] of any of the oval engraved Indian Peace medals, that were given out during Washington's administration, whether in museums or private collections?

We are trying to locate as many of these medals as we can with the idea of finding out, as nearly as possible, how many specimens are in existence, as well as if there are any varieties of which we do not know.

We are also glad of any information regarding any Indian medals.

If you can give us any assistance in this matter it will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 3rd, 1923.

Thomas L. Elder, Esq.,
21 West 35th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Elder:

Can you favor us with any information regarding the whereabouts of any of the oval engraved Indian Peace Medals, that were given out during Washington's administration, whether in museums or private collections?

We are trying to locate as many of these medals as we can with the idea of finding out, as nearly as possible, how many specimens are in existence, as well as if there are any varieties of which we do not know.

We are also glad of any information regarding any Indian medals.

If you can give us any assistance in this matter it will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

April 4th, 1923.

My dear Mr. Newell:

Your letter came to hand this morning, and I have written a letter to Mr. Wyman, a copy of which is enclosed. Please give this copy to Miss Reilly for her file.

I wrote to Mr. Wyman yesterday stating that both you and Mead were away, and would be back Friday, and asked him to extend the time until then. I have just received a note from him agreeing to do so.

I will get up to the Society on Friday, either before or right after lunch depending on what other things I have to do, and we will no doubt have a reply from Mr. Wyman by that time.

It must occur to him that we have so far written to but a very small percentage of our membership, and I have no doubt but that a more thorough canvass would bring in considerable more cash. We will hope that Mr. Wyman will decide to accept the offer. At the same time if he sticks out for his price, it seems to me we ought to make the best effort possible to get the money. However, we can talk over all this when I see you on Friday.

Miss Reilly informs me that a letter was received from Mr. Tweedy's Secretary to the effect that he is out, or soon will be, in New York. As he is very apt to floss into the Society when in the neighborhood, it is possible he may show up this time. I asked Miss Reilly to show him the carbon copy of the letter that was sent him in case he should show up, but we will hope that if he does it will be after you and Mead get back.

I trust you are all having a most interesting time in Princeton. Please tell our distinguished Treasurer that in figuring the eight hundred, you entirely neglected to include the two hundred that he is to give us.

It was a typographical error.

Very sincerely yours,

Hotel Plaza.

April 4th, 1923.

Mr. Walter C. Wyman,
44 West 44th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Wyman:

Our appeal for money for the purchase of your collection has brought in about eight hundred dollars.

This has been communicated to President Newell, who since Monday morning has been in Princeton attending the meeting of the Oriental Society, and who, as I wrote you yesterday, returns to New York Thursday evening.

I received a letter from Mr. Newell this morning in which he says:- "Why do you not make a definite offer to Mr. Wyman of $1500. in cash. I am willing to guarantee that the Society will be able to make up the necessary $700. But more than this I cannot and will not do."

As I wrote you, I expect to meet Mr. Newell and Mr. Wood at the Society on Friday, and I would be glad if you would drop me a line there, and if you should consider this offer we can fix it up at that time and forward you the money.

My experience is that no dealer will purchase a collection unless he feels confident of making a considerable profit out of it, and I do not believe that Mr. Mehl will make you a better offer than this, even if he considers your estimate of its selling value ($2000.) to be conservative.

With kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

April 6th, 1923

Walter C. Wyman, Esq.
44 West 44th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your letter of April 5th has been duly received.

In my letter of April 4th, I quoted Mr. Newell's decision as he communicated it to me. I have just seen him and he does not feel like authorizing me to increase our offer of fifteen hundred dollars cash.

I see by your letter that you expect to start for California next week. Why not leave the collection in our charge while you are away? We can guarantee its safety and that, if you do not finally decide to accept our offer, it will be returned to you intact any time you may require it.

Should you decide to do this, I will make a more systematic appeal to our members and see what happens.

I would be glad to have your California address in case I would want to get in touch with you while you are away. And if at any time between now and July 1st you should decide to accept our offer we will, on notice to that effect, forward you a cheque for the amount.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

April 9th, 1923.

Mr. Walter C. Wyman,
44 West 44th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your letter of April 7th (A hand and contents noted.

If you simply intend leaving the collection in the safe deposit vault while you are in California why not leave it here instead? The Society will be responsible for its safe keeping and will guarantee to return it when called for intact and in the same condition as when received. Should you want it sent anywhere before your return, we will attend to it, and we know how to pack such things.

If you will leave your offer of $1500. open for say a month, we will immediately bring it in a systematic manner before all of our members, which could not be done in the limited time allowed before April 1st.

If the response warrants it, we will send you a cheque for the amount to your address in California.

My personal opinion is that we will be able to put it through, and while Mr. Newell shares that opinion he did not feel justified in giving his personal guarantee beyond the fifteen hundred dollars that we offered.

I need not say that we are all desirous of keeping the collection here, and will do our utmost to accomplish it.

Very sincerely yours,

THOMAS JEFFERSON,

PRESIDENT

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

From the powers vested in us and----- by the above authority: To all who shall see these presents, Greeting:

Know ye, that from the special confidence reposed by us in the sincere and unalterable attachment of War Charga the Tickor, a Warrior of the Osage NATION to the UNITED STATES, as also from the abundant proofs given by him of his amicable disposition to cultivate peace, harmony, and good neighbourhood with the said States, and the citizens of the same; we as by the authority vested in us, require and charge, all citizens of the United States, all Indian Nations, in treaty with the same, and all other persons whomsoever, to receive, acknowledge, and treat the said War Charga the Tickor in the most friendly manner, declaring him to be the friend and ally of the said States; the government of which will at all times be extended to his protection, so long as he does acknowledge the authority of the same.

Having signed with our hands and affixed our seals, this thirty-first day of August, 180 four.

M. Lewis, Capt.
1st U. S. Rgmts.

Wm. Clark, Captn on
an "Exd." for F. W. Dorn (?)

(COPY)

Pierre Chouteau
St. Louis.

March 7th, 1900.

Mr. Walter Wyman,
Union League Club,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:--

Your favor of March 4th was duly received--I regret exceedingly I made a mistake in telling you I had duplicates of the Buchanan medals, for on examination I find there are seven Jackson medals, and although you have this one already, I send you one of my duplicates in hopes you may be able to use it to advantage in exchange. I was so positive that I had the Buchanan medals that I cannot help thinking that I may yet find them in which case, I will send you one.

I am glad to hear you have the Menard coat, as I am connected with him by blood and intimate social and business relations with my grand-parents; he was also my father's God-father--I have a mass of his correspondence.

As a collector I take no originality--my principal success has been in documents and papers relative to the settlement of St. Louis and the upper rivers historically the most valuable of which is the personal and official correspondence of Gov. Delassus and in this line is it known that ex-Gov. Allgeld (I think) has a letter from Lunsdat to Delassus dated Jan. 24th, 1804. Your society should obtain this letter, either as a gift, loan or purchase--I have a fac-simile of it; I have never spoken to Mr. Ayers of this letter--he probably might obtain it for the Newberry library.

Should you come to St. Louis, I hope you will let me know, as I probably could show you many articles of interest that are almost unknown to the casual visitor to our Historical Society.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Pierre Chouteau.

May 31st, 1923.

Mr. Jennings Wood,
c/o The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Many thanks for the plaster cast of General Tilghman's Cincinnati Eagle which came to hand on Tuesday.

This is most interesting to have for purposes of comparison. We have here one of the original eagles and my recollection is that it is a duplicate of this, but as all of our cases of insignia are packed away during the sculpture exhibition, I am unable to get at it just now.

It is a long time since I have seen you, but during the last couple of years I have been in Philadelphia very seldom. I will hope however to be able to get in to see you before very long.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.
May 31st, 1923.

r. Moritz Wormser,
95 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Wormser:

Many thanks for your letter and the information regarding the Washington medal in Oklahoma City.

I want to consult with Mr. Newell before deciding just how to tackle this question. I will certainly, however, bear in mind what you say regarding the Attorney who procured the information.

With kind regards, and trusting that I will see you at the next Club meeting, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Boston Correspondence

July 13th, 1923.

Dr. Joseph K. Dixon,
Educational Bureau,
John Wanamaker,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

On my return, after an absence of several weeks, I found your letter of June 22nd waiting for me.

We have not as yet prepared a catalogue of the Society's collection of Indian Peace Medals. I might say, however, that we have a number of medals given to Indians in this country by the British government and the Colonial authorities before the Revolution, and to Canadian Indians in later times. Also one medal of Charles IV of Spain to Indians in the Spanish possessions.

Beginning with Washington we have medals of all the Presidents up to Grant - except William Henry Harrison who issued no Indian medals - also Garfield and Benjamin Harrison.

There are a number of varieties of Washington medals which we lack, also in the neighborhood of fifteen varieties of the later Presidents.

We also have a number of medals presented to Indians by fur traders and others.

These, of course, are all original medals which have actually been given to Indians and worn by them, and not counting mint restrikes in base metal of which we have a considerable number.

It would please our Curator, Mr. Howland Wood, to show you our collection at any time that you might find it convenient to call here.

I note that you did not receive the copy of our 1923 Proceedings, and am sending you, under separate cover, another copy.

We are already in touch with the National Museum at Washington.

Should any information regarding this subject come your way at any time, I would be most grateful if it could be shared with me.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

1 Hamilton Avenue, Crawford, N. J.

November 5th, 1923.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

It seems a very long time since I have seen or heard anything of you.

I am trying to get track of all the oval, engraved, Indian peace medals of Washington, 1789 to 1795, with the idea of writing them up when I secure sufficient information.

I understand that you have one or two of these medals in your collection, and I would appreciate it very much if you would describe them to me, taking particular note of the size, the rim, whether the loop for suspension is flat or at right angles with the medals, and whether the initials of the engraver is stamped on them or on either of them.

With kind regards, and hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you in due course, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. W. C. Wilson, Esq.,
111 Crescent Street,
Montreal, Canada.

November 17th, 1923.

My dear Mr. Newell:

The subscription to the Wyman collection of Indian medals now amounts to $1307.- leaving $693 still to get, and it looks as though about all that would come in, has come in.

You, no doubt, remember that at one of our spring Council meetings, Mr. Field suggested securing the collection at once, and guaranteeing that the necessary cash would be raised, offering to join with others in this guaranty, and that you and Fidlitz expressed a willingness to go in with him on it. I think Mr. Scoville also said that he would take part, but of this I am not quite sure.

Now, the thing that would be most desirable to accomplish if possible, would be to pay for this collection without considering the duplicates that would sold, amount to $200.-, but to leave this amount in his hands to be used for the benefit of the collection. He is now trying to get an exceedingly rare Canadian medal for which he has made an offer of $75, and in my opinion should pay as high as $100. if he could not get it for less, and as you know these things occasionally come to light and are never cheap. Now, are you willing to stand for your guaranty of your proportion of this deficit, or do you consider that the amount obtained from the sale of medals should go into the purchase of the collection, practically completing it?

It is certainly most important that we have some money in hand for these things. I know of an exceedingly valuable medal that we might possibly be able to obtain, which would cost anywheres from three to five hundred dollars, but I can not, as things are at present, make any offer for it, because if it should happen to be accepted, I would be in a hole.

Mr. Wyman has asked me to consider the collection as having been bought for $2,000.-, and credit him as a contributor of $200.- toward its purchase. In fact I think I sent you his letter on the subject. It seems to me that it would be all right to do this, if it would make him any happier, as it would not cost us anything. How does it strike you?

Your Christmas present idea has brought forth fruit in the way of quite a number of donations, including a most remarkable and valuable lot of decorations from Mr. Gillingham, practically all plaques, some very scarce and two with collars. It seems to me that in bringing up this idea there are two points that we should make regarding these Christmas presents. We speak in the first place of most collectors having duplicates that they might turn over to us in this way which is all very well, but duplicates coming in in this way are very frequently of the nature of junk. However, we must to keep the point of duplicates.

It is very often said in looking at any particularly interesting or beautiful article that it is "a Museum piece". Now, a "Museum piece" it seems to me is a piece that possesses such interest on account of its beauty or rarity or whatever it may be, that instead of being shut up in some private collection, it should be where everybody can see it, and I think that applies to coins or medals as well as to other things, and a little hint regarding that passed along to those who might be donors might possibly be of profit.

I trust that you are having a successful trip, and hope that you and Mrs. Newell are enjoying yourselves. We will certainly be glad to see you back in the course of time.

With kindest regards to you both, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
c/o Guaranty Trust Co. of New York,
1 - 3 Rue les Italiens,
Paris, France.

Publication Card

November 12th, 1923.

Chicago Historical Society,
Dearborn & West Ontario Streets,
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention of the Secretary.

Dear Sir:

I understand that your Society has two of the large, engraved Indian peace medals of Washington, both dated 1793, the size of one being approximately 5 3/16 x 4 7/8 inches and the other 5 1/16 x 6 15/16 inches. Will you kindly inform me if these measurements are exact, and if there are in your collection any other Indian peace medals of Washington?

I am trying to locate the various existing specimens of these engraved medals, and would be greatly obliged if you would give me this information.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at your convenience, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chairman,
Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

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Curator, Kansas City Public Library
Kansas City
Mo.

Dec 14. 1913

Dear Sir

I am informed that one of the large oval engraved Indian peace medals of Washington, dated 1795, is in the Kansas City Public Library.

If this is a fact I would be very greatly obliged if you would inform me as to its exact size, exclusive of the ring for suspension, also any facts regarding its history that you may have.

We are planning to publish a history of these medals at some future time, and any information you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at your convenience, I am,

Very truly yours

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals

Mr. Alfred C. Prime
1008 Spruce Street
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:-

My friend Mr. Robert Friedberg tells me that you have and read Mrs. Dawkins.

There is in the collection of this Society an oval engraved medal 3 3/8 x 4 3/16 inches in size - bearing the date 1789, presented either by or on behalf of Washington to an Indian Chief, during the first year of Washington's administration, when the Seat of government was in New York.

This is the only known Washington Indian Peace Medal of that date and it is quite different from those made in 1792 and later, and evidently by a different engraver.

The possibility of Mrs. Dawkins having engraved this medal has been suggested, and while I can hardly speak to anything that will directly connect him with the medal, still it is the meeting in New York during that year of the only claim [illegible] a strong possibility that he made the medal, and if he is known to have done other work for the government at that time we could claim a very strong probability.

The medal is engraved by hand on a thin piece of iron with a raised edge and a ring or suspension at the top.

If you can give me any information that might throw any light on this subject, I shall be grateful.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you, I am,

Very truly Yours

(Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals)

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Secretary, 74 Broad Street
Elizabeth, N. J.

October 12, 1923.

Dear Compatriot:

The regular fall meeting of Elizabethtown Chapter #1 is to be held on Thursday, October 18th at 8 P.M. in the Lecture Room of the Central Baptist Church, East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

As we are preparing for a great occasion on November 1st, when Elizabethtown Chapter #1 will have as its guest the President General of the Sons of the American Revolution at a dinner of C ompatriots and their ladies we trust that you will make a special effort to be present at this meeting on October 18th to discuss plans for the appropriate reception and entertainment of the P resident General.

The committees appointed by our President, Dr. Frank A. Smith, will report some plans for November 1st and we want to have you present so that we may have a full discussion as to their fitness.

Fraternally yours,

Fred L. Crane,
Secretary.

FLC:A

November 19th, 1923.

Secretary,
Oneida Historical Society,
Utica, New York.

Dear Sir:

This Society is most desirous of locating, as nearly as possible, all the existing specimens of the large oval engraved Indian Peace Medals of Washington. The only dates we know of are 1789, 1792, 1793 and 1795.

Should any of these medals, or in fact any Indian Peace medals, be in the collection of the Oneida Historical Society, we would greatly appreciate a description of them, including the exact size, and any facts relating to their history that you may happen to have.

We are planning to publish a history of these medals at some future time, and are gathering all the information we can secure with that end in view.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you in due course, I am,

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

November 19th, 1923.

Secretary,
New Jersey Historical Society,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

This Society is most desirous of locating, as nearly as possible, all the existing specimens of the large oval engraved Indian Peace Medals of Washington. The only dates we know of are 1789, 1792, 1793 and 1796.

Should any of these medals, or in fact any Indian Peace Medals, be in the collection of the New Jersey Historical Society, we would greatly appreciate a description of them, including the exact size, and any facts relating to their history that you may happen to have.

We are planning to publish a history of these medals at some future time, and are gathering all the information we can secure with that end in view.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you in due course, I am,

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

November 21st, 1923.

Virgil M. Brand, Esq.,
2530 Elston Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Brand:

Our Committee on Indian Peace Medals is trying to locate all known specimens of the large oval engraved medals, issued during the presidency of George Washington, for presentation to Indian Chiefs.

Should you have any of these medals, I would be very grateful for a description of them, making special note of the exact size, date, edge and ring for suspension.

I understand that there are two of these medals in the Chicago Historical Society. If you happen to know of any others in Chicago I would appreciate being put on the track of them.

When sufficient information is secured the Society will probably publish a history of these medals, and it is with that end in view that I am now on the hunt for all available facts.

With kind regards, and hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you in due course, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

November 23rd, 1923.

Miss Roxa Looper,
Madill,
Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

In looking over the files of this Society regarding Indian medals, I came across some correspondence that was had with you regarding one of the oval engraved medals of Washington, dated 1792, the last communication being a letter to you from the Secretary of the Society dated October 1st, 1921, to which apparently no answer was received.

This Society is endeavoring to locate as many as possible of the medals of this character, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly advise me if this medal is still in your possession, or if not, if you could tell me where it is.

These medals were made in three different sizes, the larger ones being approximately an inch larger than the one you have, and the smaller ones about an inch smaller.

I see by the correspondence that Mr. Noe made you an offer of $125.00 for this medal which you refused, and if you still have it and are willing to part with it, I would be very glad to know what price you would ask.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at your convenience, I am,

Very truly yours,

B. L. B.

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

1 HAMILTON AVENUE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

Dec 7. 1923

Dear Miss Reilly:-

Can I trouble you to write a couple more letters for me?

With kind regards I am,

Very sincerely yours

Edmund H. Sears

Miss May Reilly
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York.

1 Hamilton Avenue

Cranford, New Jersey

Professor William H. Holmes, President
National Museum
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

This Society has a photograph of an oval Indian Peace Medal of Washington, dated 1795, which is in the National Museum.

Would you kindly give me the exact size of this medal, & also of the ring for suspension, ~~and whether this is the only one of these medals in the National Museum~~? and any facts regarding its history that you may have?

We are trying to locate all existing specimens of these oval engraved Indian medals, produced during Washington's administration, and to obtain complete descriptions of them, together with their history, where it is known; and, if you happen to know of any others, we would be much grateful for any information regarding them.

Very sincerely yours

(Chairman Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

(If it would be better to address this to any one else in the National Museum please do so)

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[illegible]

General Manager

F/O-7042

Mr. Geo. L. Godard
State Librarian
Hartford Conn.

Dear Mr. Godard:-

It is a long time since I have seen or heard from you; though I occasionally hear, in a roundabout way, that you are very much on the job.

Have you any record of the history of the 1793 Indian Peace Medal, - where and when Mr. Mitchelson obtained it; and if any thing is known of its history before that time.

I am gathering up all the information possible regarding these medals with a view to writing them up.

With kindest regards, and the compliments of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours.

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The above particulars, while presumed to be correct, are not guaranteed.

Secretary
Kansas State Historical Society
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

This Society is trying to locate all the existing specimens of the large oval Engraved medals, given to Indians during Harrison's administration.

If there are any of these medals in the Kansas State Historical Society, I would be greatly obliged if you would send me a description of each, noting particularly the date and its exact position, whether the ring for suspension is flat or at right angle to the medal, and if the initials of the engraver are on it, and on which side.

I would also be glad to know if your Society has any other Indian Peace medals.

I am gathering together all the information on this subject that I can obtain with a view to publication and any information that you can give me regarding medals in your Society or elsewhere will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

Chairman Committee on Indian Peace Medals

(Can you give me an extra copy of this, as I may want to send the same letter to some other Societies)

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Miss Roxa Leeper
1502 Northwestern
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Leeper:-

Many thanks for your letter which came to hand several days ago.

Regarding the Indian Wars medal of Washington, dated 1792, you say it will take a nice sum to get it but I have no idea what you consider a nice sum. If you will kindly give me some idea as to what you would be willing to take for it, I will take it up with our Board of which I am a member, and advise you as to its decision.

I am free to say that I am most desirous for the Society to acquire this medal, and will do all I can to bring this about. We already have a medal exactly like this except that it is somewhat smaller in size, and two others of different dates, both larger.

Hoping I have the pleasure of hearing from you soon, I am,

Very truly Yours

Chairman, Committee on Indian Wars Medal.

Miss Elizabeth Bekk
Chicago Historical Society
Dearborn & Ontario Streets
Chicago Ill.

Dear Madam -

Many thanks for your letter of December 11th and the information it contains.

I understand that the two Washington Indian Medals of 1793 were not, as I had supposed, a part of the Gunther Collection. Have you any record of the original possessors of these medals?

Mr. Chapman, for whom you looked ~~it~~ up and described the medals in the Gunther Collection, is a coin dealer in Philadelphia and while he is a member of this Society he has never asked for any such information for us. ~~The Society organizes~~ any information that you send him was for his own purposes solely. Therefore if you could ~~send~~ tell us about any medals in the Gunther Collection it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you again for your kind reply to my letter, and hoping that I am not trespassing too far on your good nature in asking for a little more, I am

Very truly yours

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Kansas State Historical Society,
Topeka, Kansas.

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Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

December 12th, 1923.

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Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

December 13th, 1923.

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Chicago, Illinois.

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Very truly yours,

Chairman, Committee on Indian Peace Medals.

December 21st, 1923.

Edward Butts, Esq., Curator Museum,
Kansas City Public Library,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of December 18th and for the information which you so kindly sent. There are still two things I would like to ask you regarding this medal. Is the ring for suspension flat or at right angles with the medal, and are the initials of the engraver J.R. stamped on either side of the medal?

If you happen to know anything regarding the history of this medal, those to whom it originally belonged, or even the tribe of the Indian who had it, I would be glad of that information also.

Thanking you again, and with kind regards and the compliments of the season, believe me,

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Committee on Indian
Peace Medals.

January 5th, 1924.

Professor William H. Holmes, President,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This Society has a photograph of an oval Indian Peace Medal of Washington, dated 1795, which is in the National Museum.

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It is a long time since I have seen or heard from you, though I occasionally hear, in a round about way, that you are very much on the job.

Have you any record of the history of the 1793 Indian Peace Medal, - where and when Mr. Mitchelson obtained it, and if anything is known of its history before that time.

I am gathering up all the information possible regarding these medals, with a view to writing them up.

With kindest regards, and the compliments of the Season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,